

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL COAST REGION**

STAFF REPORT FOR REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 9, 2010

(Prepared on October 18, 2010)

ITEM NUMBER: 10

SUBJECT: **Rescission of Waste Discharge Requirements for Templeton Unified School District, Vineyard Elementary School (Order No. 93-96) and enrollment in the Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges to Land by Small Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems (Order No. 97-10-DWQ)**

KEY INFORMATION

Discharger: Templeton Unified School District
Location: 2121 Vineyard Drive (about two miles west of Templeton)
Discharge Type: Sanitary Wastewater
Treatment: Septic Tanks and Leachfields
Design Capacity: 6,635 gpd (build-out capacity)
Discharge Volume: 1,350 gpd (peak school year rate)
Recycling: None
Existing Orders: 93-96 (Templeton Unified School District, Vineyard Elementary School)
This Action: **Rescind Individual Order and enroll in Statewide General Order**

SUMMARY

The Central Coast Regional Water Quality Board (Central Coast Water Board) adopted Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 93-96 to regulate sanitary wastewater discharges from the Templeton Unified School District's Vineyard Elementary School. That Order is due for a regularly scheduled update. Staff recommends rescinding Order No. 93-96 and regulating the discharges using the *Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges to Land by Small Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems* (Order No. 97-10-DWQ).

DISCUSSION

Section 13263(e) of the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act authorizes Regional Water Quality Control Boards to review waste discharge requirements periodically. The State Legislature has found that many older orders are out of date and therefore do not implement state laws, regulations, and revised Water Quality Control Plans. It is time to review waste discharge requirements for the Templeton Unified School District's Vineyard Elementary School (hereafter Discharger).

The Vineyard Elementary School is located in an unincorporated area in San Luis Obispo County. The school can serve up to 700 students and faculty; however, current enrollment stands at about 450 students. Sanitary wastewater is treated and disposed of through a septic tank/leachfield system. The Central Coast Water Board last adopted waste discharge requirements for these facilities in 1993. Water Board staff reviewed the Discharger's file for the following items:

- a. Compliance with the Water Quality Control Plan, statewide plans and policies, and federal and state laws and regulations;

- b. Correspondence;
- c. Compliance inspection reports;
- d. Self monitoring reports;
- e. Active enforcement orders; and
- f. Significant changes in discharge volume or characteristics or in the beneficial uses of receiving waters.

Upon review, staff concluded that the character of the discharge has not significantly changed since the order was adopted, and the wastewater system meets Basin Plan requirements. Rather than revise the existing order, staff recommends the Discharger be regulated by Water Quality Order No. 97-10-DWQ, *Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges to Land by Small Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems* (General Order), adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board on November 18, 1997. The General Order states,

Discharges to land from small domestic wastewater treatment and disposal systems have certain common characteristics, such as similar constituents, concentration of constituents, disposal techniques, flow ranges and they require the same or similar treatment standards. These types of discharges are more appropriately regulated under general Waste Discharge Requirements.

The General Order implements applicable Water Board standards, prohibitions, and requirements to protect water quality. The discharge is less than 20,000 gallons per day; therefore, it is eligible for coverage by the General Order. If the discharge is regulated by the General Order, then individual Waste Discharge Requirements would not be necessary and Order No. 93-96 should be rescinded.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMARY

Waste Discharge Requirements for existing facilities are exempt from provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resource Code, Section 21100 et seq.) in accordance with Section 15301, Chapter 3, Title 14 of the California Administrative Code.

COMMENTS

The Discharger and interested parties were notified by a letter dated July 30, 2010, of Water Board staff's recommendation to rescind Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 93-96 and approve coverage of the Discharger using the General Order. These parties were invited to submit written comments by October 14, 2010. As of that date, no comments were received from any party.

RECOMMENDATION

Rescind the individual Waste Discharge Requirements, Order No. 86-03, and approve enrollment under General Order No. 97-10-DWQ.

ATTACHMENT

1. Order No. 93-96, Waste Discharge Requirements for Templeton Unified School District, Vineyard Elementary School